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Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed along with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the final Office action dated June 4, 2007. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claim rejections in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.